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Contemporary art and citrine drapes bring an energetic contrast to a bed covered in conventional Southern embroidered linens.

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Benson's clients rely on her knack for injecting youthful energy into the prevailing traditional look in a way that's very individualized. Tapped into a vast network of suppliers for vintage and antique pieces (and a skilled team that refurbishes and updates them to her specs), Benson, 36, has a keen eye and a gentle hand. Though she learned all aspects of planning and design while at a huge international hoteldesign firm, she lets her clients guide the way. "I hope someone's never coming to me for my style; I hope they're coming to make their style better." (BTW: Benson's work was featured in our February '07 cover story.)

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